Mr. Harold Weisberg
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September 13, 1993

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I want to thank you for your kind hospitality last Friday. Senator Mitchell and I really appreciate your time and advice. As I stated to you on Friday, I would very much like to help you with your book and anything else that you might need to do with your JFK/MLK Assassinations research. I can help with typing, proofreading, political research, legal research, mail, etc. I know that you are a patriot and have given this country a foundation to build on to fight political repression and preserve the civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. I want to help preserve and continue the record of history that you have given to this country and, for that matter, the world.

I do not need to be paid and I will volunteer as much time as I can. I can come to Frederick every other Friday to help you and learn your filing system. And you can call on me at any time of the day or night if I can do somework for you in Baltimore or Cambridge. I have a political science degree from Penn State and a law degree from the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. I'm currently working as a Legal Assistant with the felony division of the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore. I have attached my resume for your information and consideration.

Also, as I stated to you on Friday, I would like to buy the complete set of your books on the JFK assassination (Whitewash, Whitewash II, etc.). If you would be kind enought to autograph them for me I would be grateful. Please let me know how much your complete set costs and I will drive to Frederick to pick them up from you.

I hope that you'll consider my offer to volunteer as your research assistant. I know the importance of your work and the pricelessness of your collection. I also know that someone needs to understand your filing system and what your collection proves and does not prove. It would be a great honor for me if I could be one of the people who will preserve your work and legacy.

I'm not offering to volunteer to make money, run for political office,, or go on talk-shows. I'm offering to voluinteer because I too, like yourself, want to make a contribution to our country's history and fight to preserve the civil liberties guaranteed to the people of the United States.

Let me know how I can help you, with your research, chores around your house, or anything else that you and your wife might need done. Again, thank you so much for meeting with Senator Mitchell and myself.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Employment:

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER - BALTIMORE CITY

I have been employed as a Legal Assistant with the Office of the Public Defender s felony trial division since March 7, 1990. I help Assistant Public Defender's prepare criminal cases for the District Court and the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. I prepare clients' files, interview clients at the jail, prepare investigation requests, file summonses, pre-trial motions and subpoenas, assist at arraignments and trials, maintain the law library, and research and write memoranda on criminal law and procedure, evidence and constitutional law.

SENATE, MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the 1989 legislative session I worked as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Julian Lapides, (D-Baltimore City). I helped Senator Lapides prepare his legislative package, monitored the status of bills, drafted bills and resolutions, coordinated testimony before committees, handled constituent matters, prepared press releases, and updated bill books and files pertaining to legislative matters.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CITY OF BALTIMORE

From August until December 1988 I worked as a Legislative Assistant with the Office of Legislative Counsel in the City Solicitor's Office at City Hall. I did legal research and legislative analysis of bills, ordinances and statutes, reviewed schedules for committee hearings in the Maryland General Assembly and Baltimore City Council, and I attended and reported on legislative hearings. In addition, I worked in the Baltimore City Equal Opportunity Compliance Office reviewing contracts and applications for certification of minority and women's business enterprises.

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From 1986 to 1988 I worked as a Legislative Analyst with the Department of Legislative Reference in Annapolis. I helped the Revisor of Statutes study, clarify and reorganize certain sections of the Annotated Code of Maryland. In addition to working for Code Revision I compiled the changes in each county's Public Local Laws and drafted bills for Delegates and Senators during the legislative session.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY

From 1984 to 1985 I worked as a Law Clerk to Judge Edward Angeletti at the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. I helped the Judge prepare for civil and criminal trials, including two death penalty cases. I researched and wrote legal memoranda on various civil and criminal issues, coordinated the Judge's trial calender and maintained the law books and files in the Judge's chambers.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR MARYLAND

In 1984 I worked as a Law Clerk in the Consumer Protection Division and later in the Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Office. I compiled data and evidence, researched and wrote legal memoranda and helped Assistant Attorneys' General prosecute cases.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR BALTIMORE CITY

From 1977 to 1979, prior to law school, I worked as a Law Clerk to then-Assistant Public Defender Edward Angeletti. Judge Angeletti was the senior trial attorney in the felony division at that time. I helped prepare clients' files, interviewed clients at the jail and other department of corrections facilities, filed pre-trial motions, summonses and subpoenas, coordinated the trial calender, prepared investigation requests and maintained the office.

Education:

JURIS DOCTOR - ANTIOCH SCHOOL OF LAW, WASHINGTON, DC

In addition to required ABA academic work I completed approximately 1000 hours of clinical case work in civil litigation, family law, criminal law and civil rights law. I was student-in-court certified by the DC Court of Appeals and represented a client in DC Superior Court in a child support case. In also interned on Capitol Hill with the U.S. Senate Criminal Law Subcommittee, then chaired by Senator Charles Mc C. Mathias, Jr, (R-Maryland). To earn income while in law school I worked as a criminal investigator in several cases pending in DC Superior Court. I attended law school from 1979 to 1981.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

While at Penn State I studied national and international politics, history and law enforcement and corrections. I attended Penn State from 1974 to 1977.

Civic activities:

Elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for the 46th legislative district in 1990. Electe Sergeant-at-Arms for the Baltimore City delegation of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1990. Member of the Finance Committee, the Delegate Selection Committee, and the Issues and Legislation Committee of the Maryland Democratic State Central Committee.

Ran, and was on the 3rd Congressional District ballot, as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention as a delegate for Governor Bill Clinton. Attended the 1992 Democratic National Convention as a volunteer for the Maryland Democratic Party.

Member of the Proven Team Democratic Organization with Senator American Joe Miedusiewski, (D- Baltimore City, 46th District) and the Mt. Royal Democratic Club with Senator Julian Lapides (D-Baltimore City, 44th District). Member of the NDC-2 Democratic Club in Baltimore City.

Member of the Southeastern District Police/Community Relations Council, Baltimore City Police Department.

Legislative coordinator for Amnesty International Group 430, Baltimore, MD.

Political campaign experience:

Baltimore City State's Attorney 1978 (Anton J.S. Keating, Esq.)

Maryland Attorney General 1978 & 1982 (Stephen H. Sachs, Esq.)

Circuit Court for Baltimore City 1984 (Judge Edward J. Angeletti,
Judge Arrie W. Davis,
Judge Thomas E. Noel, &
Judge Robert I.H. Hammerman)

Governor of Maryland 1986 (Stephen H. Sachs, Esq.)

Mayor of Baltimore City 1987 (Kurt L. Schmoke, Esq.)

President of the Baltimore City Council 1987 (Mary Pat Clarke)

Coalition for a Constitutional Amendment (Victims' Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution)

Maryland Senate and House of Delegates for the 46th legislative district 1990 (Senator American Joe Miedusiewski
Delegate Anthony DiPietro
Delegate Cornell Dypski &
Delegate Carolyn Krysiak)

Other information:

I have traveld through out most of the United States and have also visited London, England; Paris, France; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Berlin, Germany; and Leningrad and Moscow in the former Soviet Union.

I am married to Kimberly Anne Berger, Esq. Kim is employed as the Staff Attorney to the United States District Court for Maryland.